



SARACINA ANDERSON VALLEY KLINDT VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2010

Vintage Information

Anderson Valley, Klindt Vineyard 2010
Production of 260 cases

Varietal Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Bottling Date

August 30, 2011

Technical Data

13.8% alcohol by volume
0.60 gm/100 ml titratable acidity
pH 3.75

Release Date

May 26, 2012

Press

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts

Vineyards

In the deep end of the Anderson Valley, at an elevation of 400 feet, lies the hillside Klindt Vineyard. This is certainly one of the most daring vineyard locations in California: its ultra cool climate puts Pinot Noir to the test, even in ideal years. The clonal selections, Pommard, 113 and 777, are well laid out on the slope's different aspects to capture the needed daylight hours and achieve maturity in this challenging climate.

Harvest

The harvest of 2010 was one of the latest on record, following an extended and cool growing season. In short, it was perfect for the development of nuanced, elegant Pinot Noir. The rains came early, but not before we picked on October 6 at dawn, with brix levels just shy of 24.

Winemaking and Cooperage

The grapes were harvested by hand, most destemmed and gently fed into an open top tank with 95% whole berries and 5% whole clusters. Native yeast fermentation began eight days later and was complete by October 21, 2010. We drained the free-run juice directly into Francois Freres, Allier barrels, 18% of which were new. Native malolactic fermentation was complete by early January of 2011. The wine was racked off fine lees directly to the bottling tank and bottled without fining or filtration on August 30, 2011.

Winemaker Alex MacGregor's Comments

The lasting impression of our 2010 vintage is one of tremendous purity and elegance. It has an ethereal, perfumed nose of sweet raspberry and cherry, and an underlying root vegetable earthiness, perhaps owing to the small percentage of whole clusters. The tannins are sweet, and ample acidity keeps it nervy, balanced and penetrating. This wine exemplifies the best of a cool climate Pinot Noir.